

ARREST OF NATHAN VIDAVER

MARKED MONEY PAID TO AT-TORNEY-GENERAL'S AIDE.

A Tangled Plot With Detectives Listening in a Clothes Closet at Ex-Bank President's House and Complainant's Lawyer Fornishing \$5,000 Cash Ball for Vidaver.

Nathan A. Vidaver, who was appointed a special Deputy Attorney-General to prosecute the Kissena Park investigation before the Queens county Grand Jury and did not get President Bermel indicted. and who is now getting a special retainer from Attorney-General Jackson in Mr. Jackson's action to dissolve the charter of the New York City Rai way Company, was arrested yesterday on a charge of attempting to extort \$500 from William R. Montgomery, who was president of the Hamilton Bank and who is under indictment for making overdrafts on the bank.

Vidaver is an active Hearstite, having been put forward as a candidate for the Supreme Court in the Murphy-Hearst fusion in 1905 and being nomitated last year for the Court of General Sessions on the Independence League-Republican ticket. He says that he accepted the money from Montgomery as a retainer and that t had nothing to do with his connection with the Attorney-General's office. Atorney-General Jackson says he is confident that Mr. Vidaver would do no wrong.

Mr. Vidaver was arrested at 1 o'clock vesterday afternoon in the Astor House ofter he had luncheon with Montgomery. who passed \$500 in marked bills to him. The "plant" was made with the knowledge of the District Attorney's office and one of District Attorney Jerome's detectives arrested Vidaver. He was arraigned before Magistrate Herrman in the Centre street colice court and after he had made a hot speech denouncing his arrest and the Disrict Attorney he was held in \$5,000 bail for a hearing this morning. Lawyer Moses H. Grossman of House, Grossman & Vorhaus put up with the City Chamberlain the necessary cash for Vidaver's release and Vidaver left the court after he had kicked his heels there for about two hours.

District Attorney Jerome declined last evening to go into all of the details leading up to Vidaver's arrest until the statements of all the witnesses had been taken. Assistant District Attorneys Kresel and Smyth were taking them last night. A Grand Jury investigation has been begun and Attorney-General Jackson will be a witness this morning for the purpose of explaining to the Grand Jury that Mr. Vidaver is not connected with his office now and couldn't have attempted to extort money as a public

Montgomery was president of the Hamilton Bank when it closed its doors on October 28 and the Attorney-General had a receiver of his own selection put in, Frank White of Buffalo, who afterward publicly accused Montgomery of making overdrafts. In November, according to the District Attorney's tion, Montgomery felt that he had the bank in such shape that it could reopen if there was no opposition from the Ate is said to have had a conference with ably brighter. Vidaver, but whether it was sought by Vidaver, it is alleged, said that for \$1,500 would stop all criticism of the bank and Montgomery that might come from the Attorney-General's office and that the newspapers, not having information from the Attorney-General about the bank and its affairs, would drop the subject. Vidaver was not then a Jackson deputy.

Montgomery and he sent his personal check for \$500 to Vidaver. The District Attorney has that check and there is said to be some record on it that shows that Vidaver got the money for services for the Hamilton Pank. After that, it is said, Montgomery consulted with others and decided that he wouldn't pay any more money and so ar he has not paid the \$500 to Grossman. In the latter part of December Justice etts terminated the temporary receivership

and the bank opened. A great crowd of depositors formed a parade and serenaded lontgomery at his home, but he was not included in the new directorate. Two reeks later he was indicted by the special county Grand Jury on two counts charging im with making overdrafts amounting to about \$33,000.

No far as could be learned yesterday there a no evidence that Mr. Montgomery had any further dealings with Mr. Vidaver ntil two or three weeks ago. Then he had mind the opening of a new bank in upper eventh avenue. It is known that there vere several conversations between Montgomery and Vidaver, and Grossman took part in some of them. Mr. Jerome said resterday that there was nothing to show that Grossman had done anything wrong or that he contemplated doing anything illegal. Montgomery spoke to Grossman and it was suggested that Vidayer should be onsulted. While these negotiations were in progress some one laid information before the District Attorney of what was going on. In order, Mr. Jerome says, to substantiate certain statements that were made to him it was arranged that Grossan should have a talk with Montgomery either on Tuesday night or yesterday mornng. The object of the talk was to have crought out just what Grossman understood Vidaver had agreed to do.

On Tuesday evening Lieut. Beery and Detective Fitzsimmons of the District Atorney's office went to Montgomery's home 1867 Anthony avenue, The Bronx They ad with them a stenographer from Mr. erome's office. They waited all night, but reseman did not appear until yesterday morning. Lieut. Beery was in hiding be-and a screen. Detective Fitzaimmons and he stenographer were in a clother press and were gratified when the interview was

er and they were able to come out. Mr. Jerome refused to give out the details I the interview as it had not been put in vpewritten form. He asked Beery if from nis experience he was convinced that the to be committed. Beery said he believed it was, and Mr. Jerome told him to use his indement and if any money was passed in pursuance of what had been arranged to

make an arrest Vidaver and Montgomery met about 1

M. in one of the small dining rooms of the Astor House on the Vessy street side. Beery and Fitzsimmons were in the room. Mont-

JAPAN THREATENS WAR

Unless China Releases Ship That Took Arms to Rebels. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

Tokio, March 4 .- Japan received replies to-day from Pekin and the Viceroy of Canton in reference to the Tatsu Maru. The terms are not announced, but it is stated that while they do not necessarily reject Japan's demands they do not satisfy the Government.

SHANGHAI, March 4 .- Japan threatens to declare war on China unless the Chinese Government shall release immediately the Japanese steamship Tatsu, which was seized at Macao on February 7 on suspicion of bringing arms and ammunition for the revolutionaries. The vessel was taken to Canton and has been detained there in spite of the protests and demands of the Japanese Government.

LONDON, March 5 .-- According to the latest accounts received here the Tatsu Maru incident has led to a grave situation, which may have the worst consequences The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent reports that the relations between China and Japan are seriously strained, Japan declaring that if the steamer is not released she will regard China's action as a casus belli.

The Japanese official version printed in London represents the vessel as having been forcibly seized by four Chinese gunboats while anchored awaiting the tide off Macao. the steamer being actually in Portuguese waters. Armed Chinese sailors boarded the Tatsu Maru and seized some goods. They grossly ill treated the crew. They took the vessel to Canton, where she re-

To the Chinese contention that the Tatsu Maru intended to smuggle her cargo into Chinese territory Japan replies that the vessel held a regular permit, issued by the Portuguese officials, enabling her to land at Macao the arms and ammunition aboard, which were openly declared in the ship's parers. Therefore the case has nothing to do with the Chinese oustoms regulations and the charge of smuggling is precluded. For these reasons Jaran demanded the mmediate release of the steamer, an apology

KING CALLS ON PREMIER.

and an indemnity.

Edward Spends Half an Hour With Banner man Before Leaving London.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, March 4 .- King Edward spent half an hour to-day with Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

King is going to Biarritz for his health. The King's visit to the Premier is an example of the numerous little tactful courtesies on which the popularity of Edward VII. with the nation is largely based. It is the invariable custom for the British Premier on the eve of the sovereign's departure abroad to seek an official farewell audience at the royal palace. It is usually a mere formality. An omission of the meeting on the present occasion would not have been remarked. Hence the King's kindliness in making the visit, which is unprecedented and fires the popular imagination.

The King arrived at Downing street, the official residence of the Prime Minister, in his private brougham. He was not noticed by the passersby. He forbade any ceremony, and he sat by the Premier's bedside and chatted cheerily on ordinary topics. torney-General's office. About that time | When he left the Prime Minister was notice-

It is noteworthy that no British sovereign has ever before entered 10 Downing street since it became the official residence of the

U. S. GAINS IN MANCHURIA. Great Beneficiary by Russian War, According to Japan's Figures.

Toxio, March 4 .- Statistics printed with the view to controverting the assertion that American trade in Manchuria has declined owing to Japan's discrimination make it appear that American trade increased remarkably since the war and that American goods are now flowing into Manchuria more steadily than they did into the old markets of China proper.

The importation includes material for the Japanese Manchurian Railway. American oil has especially progressed shutting out the Russian to a great extent. The figures seem to show that Japan fought Russia on behialf of American trade, which is now supplanting Russian trade.

FACSIMILES ON CITY BONDS.

All Except Joe Scully's Signatures-Fifty Thousand of Them.

Comptroller Metz and his deputies, balking at signing 50,000 coupon bonds, have found a way out of the several weeks of nanual labor which confronted them They appealed a few days ago to Corporation Counsel Pendleton and he tells them that the bonds will be valid if facsimile of the signatures of the Mayor and the Comptroller are engraved on them, and this opinion was supported by several leading corporation lawyers, who were asked to pass upon it. The Mayor was not so much interested in the outcome because he had an act passed last year by the Legislature authorizing his executive clerk to sign

bonds in his name. All coupon bonds have to be signed by the Mayor or his clerk, the Comptroller or his deputies and the City Clerk. While the Mayor and Mr. Mets have got rid of the trouble, there is to be no relief for the City Clerk. It is held that Mr. Soully must sign the bonds as a sort of verification of engraved signatures of the Mayor

and the Comptpoller. "And yet they say public office is a snap, Joe Scully said yesterday when he was told of this fact.

R. J. Sully, formerly of Brooklyn, but now living in Jersey City, is suing the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Cmpany for \$1,100 In his complaint, which is isted on the calendar in the Trial Term of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, the plaintiff says that he worked for the company from August, 1899, to April, 1906, and that during that time he was deprived of 3,000 hours which should have been used in mastleating his food. He says his digestive apparatus is a week.

Louise Dresser Gets a Divorce. Justice Truax has signed an interlocu-

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tory decree granting Louise Dresser, the actress and singer, a divorce from her husband, Jack Norworth, who is a mon-ologist in vaudeville. Miss Dresser, who is regarded as one of the best looking women on the stage, is one of the principals in the Lew Fields show at the Herald Square Theatre, "The Girl Behind the Counter."

NO WHIPPING IN THE SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTES 21 TO 17 AGAINST IT.

But the Matter of Special Disciplinary Schools Is to Be Looked Into-Athletics Blamed for Poor Discipline-More Ethies Suggested as a Good Remedy.

The Board of Education rejected last night by a vote of 21 to 17 the report of the special committee recommending the restoration of corporal punishment in the public schools,

The vote was taken at midnight, after most of the members of the board had talked on one side or the other.

After the vote bad been taken Commissioner Jonas moved that the same committee be asked to take up the matter of the establishment of disciplinary schools for acorrigibles in various parts of the city. This motion was carried.

On the secretary's desk were many protests from organizations and individuals against the restoration. Among these were 279 green postcards. Commissioner Suydan of Queens sent a letter saying he could not attend the meeting, but was strongly opposed to the committee's report. Ex-President Burlingham of the board also wrote opposing the rod in schools.

Chairman Jonas of the special committee declared that the report was a warning to parents of pupils that if their children were going to be disorderly at school they would not be permitted to associate with other public school pupils, but would be sent to the truant school.

Dr. MacDonald, another member of the committee, read two typewritten pages strongly condemning whipping in the schools, and then started off on another bunch of manuscript, forty pages of arguments in favor of such punishment. He deduced that from all sorts of points of view judicious whipping would conduce to a better degree of discipline. Dr. MacDonald read for something more

than half an hour Mr. Kantzler, the next speaker, said he hoped the time would never come in this city when teachers and pupils would be brutalized by the use of the rod. Robert Harrison said he didn't think physical torture was a proper part of modern education. "There are as many bad girls as bad boys in the public schools," he said, "and the public would never tolerate the whipping of girls. It seems to me that

the special committee has based its report

on the opinions of teachers and principals

only and that in these matters such opinions are of little value. "Are we going to permit our boys to be degraded because they happen to antagonize a hot tempered teacher? What should be done in the schools is to teach more ethics, especially to the teachers, and then we'll have well behaved pupils. Many a boy has been ruined for life when flogging was the custom. Let us not have the big stick in our schools, but a big conscience

and a big heart." C. E. Bruse said that in the past two years only 373 incorrigible pupils had cropped up out of a total public school population of more than half a million. of discipline and that whipping was not a reliable broker. necessary. He believed there would shortly be a reaction in the matter of athletics among school boys, which would assist discipline. Discipline, he said, had been broken down by interscholastic athletic competition-the pupils were so taken up with athletics that they didn't care about their school work, and, in fact, came to consider themselves as professional athletes, independent of studies and of

On the other side John Greene said: "The one thing that wins in society as well as in schools is the rod of compulsion. We want peace in the schools and that cannot be obtained by moral sussion."

discipline.

Supt. Maxwell said that a flogging principal or a flogging teacher would soon lose all dignity, and called attention to what the principal of a school of forty-eight classes would have to do in the flogging line if he were called upon to do the whip ping demanded by forty-eight teachers.

"Flogging has been abolished in the army and navy," he said, "and brutal drivers of horses are arrested daily. In the face of this, would the public stand for the beating of children?"

Dr. Maxwell said that the superintendents were solidly opposed to corporal punish-

FAIRBANKS IN NO DEAL. Wouldn't Have Vice-Presidency Again

-Wouldn't Mind Being in Cabinet. INDIANAPOLIS, March 4 .- A rumored com bination between Senator Knox of Penn sylvania and Vice-President Fairbanks whereby the latter is to accept the Vice-Presidency is denied by friends of Mr.

Fairbanka here They say that under no circumstance could be be induced to hold the second place on the ticket again and that he has not and will not enter into any deal looking to a combination with any one.

His friends say that while he has found the office of Vice-President pleasant in the main it has proved a closed door to any-thing like activity or in: luence in the Senate and has hampered rather than forwarded his ambition

It is also said that while he still expect to be nominated at Chicago he will not feel ill toward the party if he is not, for in the event of the nomination of any other candidate than Judge Taft he would expect to be called into the Cabinet if the nominee is elected. He is represented as preferring a Cabinet position to the Vice-Presidence and his friends believe that the rumors a combination are being spread here for the purpose of discrediting his candidacy for the higher office.

RHODE ISLAND FOR BRYAN.

State Democratic Committee Commend Him Because He Isn't a Reactionary.

PROVIDENCE, March 4 .- A resolution unequivocally indorsing William Jennings Bryan for President was adopted by the Democratic State central committee this afternoon. The resolution in part is as

It is perfectly plain that the vast majority

of the citizens of this country do not want man, no matter what his party, to whom the term reactionary can justly be applied. The committee called the State convention for March 21. Thomas P. Gore, the blind Senator from Oklahoma, will address the convention.

WHO FOR STATE CHAIRMAN? HART M'KEE DIVORCE SUIT ON In Washington They Talk of Cortelyou to Succeed Woodruff

"Who is to be Republican State chairman to succeed Timothy L Woodruff?" That was the question which was asked by Republicans yesterday in view of the meeting of the State committee on Saturday. At this meeting Carnegie Hall and April 11 are to be named as the place and time for the State convention, which is to name four delegates at large and their alternates to the national convention and indorse Gov. Hughes for the Presidency.

Mr. Woodruff said: "I am not a candidate for reelection as State chairman, but I expect to be reelected and will serve out the

term. Col. George W. Dunn came to town last night from Binghamton. He had read in the newspapers that Mr. Odell had spoken favorably of George W. Aldridge for State chairman to succeed Mr. Woodruff. Col. Dunn said: "If any Republican is to succeed Mr. Woodruff I believe Mr. Odell should te the man."

A report came from Washington that Republicans of national repute believed that Secretary Cortelyou should succeed Mr. Woodruff on the ground that Mr. Cortelyou could unite all of the Republican factions of the State and line them up in battle array for the Presidential and State campaigns next fall. It was learned that privately many suggestions have been made to the effect that Secretary Corteiyou should succeed Mr. Woodruff because of his abilities as a harmonizer.

LOOK OUT FOR U. S. GRANT'S NAME. In Fact It's Well to Look Closely at Any Paper You Buy.

A presumption that forged notes bearing the name of U. S. Grant, Jr., are in circulation was raised yesterday by a publisher warning against the purchase of such notes. The notice was:

U. S. Grant, Jr., has given notice that there are no notes or personal obligations bearing his signature upon the market for sale or discount, and he warns all persons that if such are offered they are fraudulent and void

U. S. Grant, assistant cashier in the Sub-Treasury, who is a son of Orville Grant, a nephew of President Grant, said that the notice did not come from him and that he knew nothing of the occasion for it U. S. Grant, Jr., son of President Grant, resides in San Diego, Cal., and has a son U.S. He owns much real estate in California and has been interested in several mining enterprises.

The only other U. S. Grant belonging to the prominent family is Lieut. U. S. Grant 3d, who married a daughter of Secretary Root and is attaché to the President. He is at Brookline, Mass., and knows nothing about it.

None of the prominent note brokers of the financial district had seen any Grant notes. Men in the district who are engaged in watching the mining sharks and bucketshop and discretionary pool swindlers said they considered it extremely advisable for buyers of paper of all kinds-notes, stocks or bonds-to examine the paper very closely. The swindlers in the old games, they said, were without victims now. Most of them are "broke" and are likely to become desperate. One of the credit agencies sent out notices yesterday warning against the purchase of any bond or stock unless believed that showed a good degree it bore the indorsement and verification of

HUGHES LEAGUE IN KENTUCKY. Organization Formed to Put the Governor in Line as Second Choice.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 4 .- The Hughes League of Kentucky was organized here to-day. The officers are Thomas B. Mc-Gregor, Assistant Attorney-General, president; T. W. Vinson, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, vice-president; Roy Wilhoit, secretary of the railroad commission, secretary, and an executive committee composed of Representative John P. Haswell of Breckenridge county, Assistant Secretary of State W. E. Bidwell of Louisville and R. A. Cook of the auditor's department.

The officers are popular and active young State officials. No extravagant claims are made for Hughes, but the league hopes to divide the delegation, and the managers say that in all districts where Taft or Fairbanks gets the instructions Hughes will get the second choice instructions, so that before the balloting at the national convention is over the Kentucky delegation will be in line for Hughes.

Republicans here say that Hughes would have got the delegates from central Kentucky but for his unbending stand on

RECTOR SAPHORE EXONERATED.

Bishop Olmsted Says His Remark to a Girl About Kissing Was a Mistake Only. SYRACUSE, March 4 .- "I admit the imprudence of having jestingly made a remark to a young woman concerning the matter of kissing. That, however, is the full extent of my offence, which I have frankly admitted, for which I have apologized and which I sincerely regret. It was a thoughtless remark, provoked by light conversation and uttered without deliberation or desire. Faithfully yours,

"K. WARREN SAPHORE." Bishop Charles Tyler Olmsted preached at All Saints' Church to-night and read the above statement of the rector, who has been charged by Miss Viola Hayes with having asked her for a kiss. Bishop Olmsted made the recent trouble the subject of his sermon and urged the members of the church to stand by their rector and forgive the mistake which he made.

"I am convinced," said Bishop Olmsted, "that the rector of this parish has done nothing that deserves as severe condemna-tion as he has received. He came to me and told his story, and I believe that when you know all the facts you will not want to drive the rector out and deprive him of his living and reputation because of one mistake. He told me that he was guilty of indiscre-tion and deserved rebuke. I assure you that there was no evil thought in what he that there was no evil thought in what he said and he had no idea of doing anything out of the way. He went home on the night in question, told his wife, he afterward told the vestry of the church and he told me

Pinkertons in Brooklyn Campaign.

Bird S. Coler, President of the Borough Brooklyn, announced yesterday that Pinkerton men would be posted at every polling place at the March primaries at which there is to be a big clash between the McCarren and anti-McCarren forces. "There will be no ballot box stuffing," he THE "ROYAL LIMITED,"
mous Five hour All Pullman train for Baltimore
d Washington, leaves New York daily, Liberty,
4 P. M., 23d St., 10 min. earlier. C. R. H. of N. J.
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WIFE ACCUSES HIM OF CRUELTY AND WASTING HER MONEY.

Lawyer Also Makes Unprintable Charges Against the Pittsburger in Paris Court -His Turn Next Week-McKee Sald to Have Abused Son of Late Hugh Tevis.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Paris, March 4 .- The divorce case beween A. Hart McKee and his wife began to-day. Maitre Barboux, counsel for Mrs. McKee, outlined the case he was prepared to prove in her demand for a divorce. After describing the couple's position and lives in America he said Mr. McKee proposed marriage a few days after meeting the lady now his wife. He told her he was free to marry, but during the engagement he was compelled to spend \$300 to settle the divorce case of his first wife.

McKee, the lawyer said, posed as a very rich man and promised to allow his wife \$25,000 yearly for dress. He said she need never wear her gloves twice. After the marriage, however, McKee's first care was to get the \$20,000 allowed for his wife's child by her former husband, Mr. Tevis, doubled. He then compelled his wife to write to her father to withdraw her money, \$450,000, from the trust company in which it had been placed in order that Mckee might manage it.

Soon after the marriage the couple went to Monte Carlo, where McKee gambled and lost heavily. Mrs. McKee never played here. McKee abused his wife terribly and threatened her with a revolver. He threatened to commit suicide if she did not give him all her fortune. She gave him \$15,000.

Mattre Barboux made twenty-six charges of cruelty against McKee, the last being that he had tried to suborn witnesses to swear she was a chauffeur's mistress. He was always jealous of his stepson, Hugh. frightening him with a revolver and pinchng his arms until the blood came. At Paris he refused to allow his wife to take her meal at the modest hotel where they were staying and sent a servant to buy sardines for her, saying the hotel prices were too

dear. His other characteristics, according to M. Barboux, included spending the day in pajamas and costumes which the learned academician carefully explained to the Court. He were socks for a month and then threw the remains away. He spent most of his time in writing articles for New York papers signed "Fifi" and "Clarice."

He sold his wife's jewels. For a ring costing \$5,000 he took \$25. Thirty-two maids left his wife's service owing to his insults. Mrs. McKee began divorce proceedings in August, and now McKee had brought a cross-suit against her.

Mattre Barboux concluded with an un printable description of McKee, in which the smallest matters were charges of using paint on his lips and dyeing his eyebrows. Mattre Labori will give McKee's side of the case on March 11.

MAY BE 5TH AVENUE BURGLARS. Silver Crammed Suit Case Leads to Four Arrests.

In a young man named Arthur Klein, who was captured with a suit case full of silverware from the house of Arnold Kohn others arrested last night, the police believe they have persons who are responsible for a number of recent burglaries in the

upper Fifth avenue district. Inspector McCafferty identified Klein as a man whose picture is in the rogues' gallery under the name of William Armond, arrested on a charge of burglary on June 19, 1905, but not convicted. Klein was held in Jefferson Market court for examination. Acting on a tip they got after the arrest

of Klein, dectectives Fox and Lafferty of the East 104th street station broke into a flat at 201 East 122d street and found a great quantity of jewelry of all descriptions, a blackjack, a bottle of chloral and other up to date paraphernalia. In the room were James Buckley,

got out of Elmira Reformatory on January 21, and William Barratt, who was release a month earlier. Barret is a friend of Klein's, the police say, and in his pocket evening newspaper clippings relating to the Kahn robbery were found.

The police say that the men had the stolen stuff ready to dispose of. The works of a dozen watches and the settings of rings and pins had already been sold and the rest was to be disposed f as old gold.

A silver salad dish, which was a part of the loot of the Kahn robbery, was found yesterday in the Bonny Blue saloon in East 121st street near Third avenue, of which Thomas Cleary is the alleged proprietor. Cleary at first said that he got the dish from Klein. Then he said he got it from Buckley. He was arrested as a suspicious person. He was on the police force eighteen years ago.

POOLROOM IN BROADWAY.

Raid Opposite the Metropolitan by Flat Hunting Policemen.

Having heard that a brand new poolroom was doing business on the seventh floor at 1418 Broadway, opposite the Metropolitan Opera House, Capt. Farrell of the Tenderloin and Detectives Roland, O'Neill, Lyon and Eaton went looking for apartments late yesterday afternoon

street, who opened the door, told the captain that he was sorry but the place was already rented. Replied Farrell: "But I don't think any other apartment

Walter Clifford of 203 West Fifty-second

would suit me. I like the outlook I'll look the place over anyway."

Clifford said he couldn't. The captain showed his shield and said he would. He did, and found thirty-one men in the place, which was fitted up like a flat. In an alcove off the parlor were a telephone and racing sheets. The visitors arrested Clifford on the charge of aiding and abetting in the running of a poolroom. Matthew Frank of 1047 Bergen street, Brooklyn, who had \$612 in his pocket and who was in charge of the telephone, was arrested as the proprietor. The other men gave names and addresses and departed.

Another Fruitless Ballot for Senator. COLUMBIA, S. C., March 4 .- After taking two ballots for United States Senator to succeed the late A. C. Latimer the General Assembly decided to postpone further balag until noon to-morrow

DEWET'S CLARETS AND OLD BURGUNDY Taken with the Meal enriches the blood. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 158 Fulton St., New York.

TO PASS AN EXCLUSION BILL. Alliance Between Enemies of the Black and Yellow Baces.

Washington, March 4 .-- An offensive and defensive alliance has been formed by Southern and Pacific Coast members based upon the prejudice against the black and yellow races. The Southern contingent in Congress will assist Pacific Coast delegations in efforts being made to secure the passage of a law excluding Japanese from the United States The Coast members in turn will stand by their Southern colleagues on the pegro question.

WALES DEALS IN FUTURES. At Least an Anti-Bearing Rein Man Quotes

What He'll Do When He's King. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 4 .- At the annual meeting of the Anti-Bearing Rein Association to-day a speaker said the movement had the hearty support of the Prince of Wales, who had promised the speedy suppression of the cruel bearing rein practice when he came to the throne. He quoted the Prince's denuncia tion of the practice published in a book by

Gen. Baden-Powell, saying: When I am king i will make three laws. No one shall cut puppies' tails, there will be no more sin in the country and nobody shall use bearing reins because they hurt the horses.

WAITING FOR EVANS'S SHIPS. The California Tarries at Magdalena Bay for News by Wireless.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 4 .- By wireless to-day from Magdalena Bay it was learned that the gunboat Yorktown left there this morning for San Francisco. The remainde of the squadron, except the California will sail for San Francisco on Sunday The California will remain at Magdalens Bay for several days and through her wireless operator here expects to get the first message of the arrival of Admiral Evana's fleet.

CONGO PACT HANGS FIRE. King Leopeld Still Dickering With His Ministers-More Concessions.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
BRUSSELS, March 4.—There was a large crowd outside the Parliament House to-day in anticipation of the introduction of the Congo annexation treaty. It was announced, however, at the last moment that its introduction had been postponed until

to-morrow. It is evident that the whole question has not yet been smoothed. There have been several Cabinet meetings during the last twenty-four hours The king was closeted with Prime Minister Schollaert for five hours yesterday and two hours to-day The concessions made by King Leopold

of a currency in which the natives will be LEGALIZES TRACK BETTING.

Kentucky Senate at the Same Time Moves

include the abolition of compulsory labor

in the independent State and the institution

to Wipe Out Postrooms. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 4.-By an overvhelming vote in the Senate to-day the Wilhelm anti-poolroom bill, containing a clause legalizing betting on racetracks,

was passed. The chief feature of to-day's session was the appeal to the Senators to vote for of 18 East Ninety-fifth street, and two the bill made by Senator A. R. Barnum the foot of the stairs. merly Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals and is one of the ablest men in Kentucky. He came to the Senate expressly to get a \$500,000 appropriation for the colleges

of the State. He was counted as against the bill, but to-day when he arose to speak he said that since the days of establishing racetracks in the New World it had been a time honored custom to bet on races and far be it from the Republican party in Kentucky to change

that custom. As a result of his appeal practically every Republican in the Senate voted for the bill. The bill will pass the House. The bill provides imprisonment for any

officer who will permit a poolroom to run

in his county and disqualifies him from

ever holding another office. MAY REVEAL BRYAN'S IDEAS.

Nebraska State Democratic Platform Probably Will Be Dictated by Him. OMAHA, Neb., March 4.-The advance

which meets in Omaha to-morrow, began arriving to-day. The State officers of the Bryan Volunteers are in the city seeking to extend the propaganda of that organization, which is

guard of the Democratic State convention,

expected to take a prominent part in the coming national convention. Mr. Brvan will be the central figure at the convention and his influence will dominate the spirit of the platform, which is expected to reflect to a certain extent the iders he will present to the national convention at Denver in June. The con-vention is considered for this reason to be extraordinary importance, especially to the Democratic party.

PEEKSKILL DEMOCRATIC. Entire Ticket Sweeps Chauncey Depew Old Home, Once Republica

PEERSKILL, N Y., March 4 .- The old home of Senator Chauncey M. Depew once known as a Republican stronghold, has been carried by the Democrats at the spring elections by an overwhelming ma-

The Democrats elected their entire ticket consisting of three Aldermen, City Treasurer, Assessor and three Water Commisurer, Assessor and three water Commis-sioners, by majorities as high as 294., The Republicans were led by ex-County Clerk Crumb. They strove to make an issue against the present water board in the typhoid fever epidemic.

Shaw Out of Carnegie Trust Co.

Leslie M. Shaw retired yesterday from all connection with the Carnegie Trust Comcany. He resigned from the presidency recently and at the monthly meeting of the directors yesterday his resignation from both the presidency and the directorate was formally accepted. C. Dickinson, acting president, was elected president; Fred H. Parker, formerly secretary, was elected vice-president and P. H. Sheridan was elected treasurer.

Oklahoma Legislators May Eat Popcorn KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 4 .- After two hours debate to-day a resolution prohibiting the eating of popcorn during the sessions of the Oklahoma Legislature was

9:25 A. M. and 2:10 P. M. Unexcelled se Pennsylvania & Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Information Bureau, B'way, cor. 30th St.-

161 PERISH IN **BURNING SCHOOL**

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Many Children Roasted Alive While Parents Look On Helplessly.

TEACHERS DIE AT POSTS

The Building a Mass of Flame Before Pupils' Fire Drill Could Be Executed.

Children Fall on Stairway and Block Nap row Passage to Exit, Till a Solid Wall Forms Before the Doors-Bodies Wedged So Tight That Men Pull Flesh From Children's Arms Trying to Drag Them to Safety-Fire, Discovered in Rasement Under Stairway, Onickly Spreads to Upper Floors-No Clue te Cause, but Hints of Incendiarian

CLEVELAND, March 4 .- One hundred and fifty-nine children lost their lives this morning when Lake View school in Collingwood burned.

Two teachers in a vain effort to save the pupils perished. To-night half the families in the little suburb are mourning the loss of one or

more members. What caused the fire is not known. Tonight there are hints that it was incendiary. There were no wires to cross and ignite the woodwork. There was no rubbish to create spontaneous combusion. All that now seems to be known is that three little girls coming from the basement saw smoke and gave the alarm Before the janitor could sound the fire signal a mass of flame was sweeping up the doorway from the basement, and before the children from the upper floors could reach the ground egress was cut off. It was all over with most of the victims before the mothers who gathered with the sounding of the fire bells realized that their children were

in danger With the call for fire engines calls for ambulances were sent in. Every ambulance from the eastern end of Cleveland was put to use and wagons were pressed

into service to remove the dead. RESCUERS HELPLESS. Rescuers were present by the hundred. but they could not save the life of one of the children jammed in a solid mass at

The Lake View school was a three story structure. Under the stairway in the basement, in front of the building, was the furnace. Owing to the mild weather there was less fire than usual and it is our-

tain that the fire did not start there. On the first floor four rooms were in use when the fire broke out. The children on this floor escaped with few exceptions. They believed the ringing of the fire gong was the usual fire drill signal and they marched out in order. The pupils of the second and third floors became panie

stricken and rushed to death. Of more than 100 bodies in the temporary morgue at the Lake Shore Railroad stockhouse none has been identified. Darkness ended the work of taking bodies from the ruins to-night The work will be re-

sumed in the morning. Every part of the official machinery of the county and State will be put to work to fix the blame for the disaster. Gov Harris has promised that the State will do its share. Coroner Burk will begin his official investigation in the morning. Fire

marshals will also get to work. MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

To-night messages of sympathy are coming to Cleveland from all o ver the country They are addressed to the Cleveland Board of Education, a mistaken idea having arisen that the disaster occurred in this city This afternoon the State Republican con vention at Columbus stopped work long enough to adopt a resolution of sympathy. The House of Representatives in Washington sent sympathy and adopted a resolution introduced by Representative Harding of the Third Ohio district

Miss Laura Borter, teacher of the fifth

grade, on the third floor, said: "When the gong sounded I thought at once of the fire drill. I didn't think at first it was a real fire, but formed my pupils just as we have often done in practice. had no more than formed in line than smoke began creeping into the room. Our practice taught the children to go down the fire escape, but when the smoke began coming in some of the pupils oried to the others to go down the rear stairs. Seven or eight broke from the line and started for the stairs. The rest were instructed to keep cool and I managed to get them to the first escape and to the ground in safety. The poor children who rushed down the back stairway must have perished. for I know they never came back to the room again I was the last to leave and watch them to return until the heat and flame drove me down the fire escape. I had about fifty pupils in my room and all escaped but the few who left the line and rushed

for the stairs." JANTION LOST THREE

Fred Hirter, janitor of the school, lost three children in the diseater. Hirter was badly burned about the head and hands trying to save the little ones. He declares that there was less fire than usua in the furnace, because of the mild weather